

## NEW SYSTEM OF COUNTY COURTS

Bill Is Introduced Which, if Passed, Will Relieve Congested Conditions.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., January 29.—The Senate passed today the Henderson county officers' salary bill and the House bill following the Governor to sue directly in the Supreme Court of the United States in actions involving the State boundary in the Smoky Mountain region.

The new measure, without a word of discussion, in the House amendment to the bill increasing the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing from \$1,500 to \$2,000, instead of \$2,500, as it was passed by the Senate and recommended by the House Committee on Salaries, Fees and Appropriations.

There was a spirited debate over a bill by Senator Klutz to prohibit State officers from suing in the Supreme Court with "complicated" bills. The bill was tabled.

**New Courts Proposed.**  
A bill, introduced by Representative Turlington calls for the creation of what might be called an automatic system of record courts for the counties, to be adopted as it appears whenever the county is in arrears on any of its obligations, or any other reason, the court to sit every Monday at the county seat, to be presided over by a lawyer, to be elected by the county commissioners for one year, to have jurisdiction over all criminal cases to the grade of felony, and civil cases involving under \$1,000, with, of course, appeal to the Superior Court. The plan is not unlike that of the inferior court, with the civil jurisdiction added.

Representative Underwood, at the request of Bishop Hood and leading negroes of Cumberland, introduced an amendment to the Constitution which would allow negroes to own at least \$300 worth of property, even if unable to pass the educational test, to vote.

**HITT IS RELEASED.**  
Sufficient Evidence Not Found to Maintain Charge.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HARRISONBURG, VA., January 29.—Hitt, of East Rockingham, about whom there was published a story to the effect that he was wanted by the county officers for illicit distilling and also of brutally assaulting a witness, was yesterday released from jail, it being shown that the stories were without foundation, and that no warrant had been issued for him.

Hitt's premises were raided by Revenue Officers George M. Tucker and Harry J. Acker, but not sufficient evidence was discovered to warrant an arrest being made. Hitt heard that a warrant had been issued, and he voluntarily gave himself up and was locked up in jail.

By reason of the sensational charges which have been published broadcast, and Hitt's subsequent discharge from custody, the case has attracted unusual attention.

**Mills Is Acquitted.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 29.—The case against Joseph W. Mills, in which he was charged with voting illegally in the November election here last fall, which occupied the Circuit Court yesterday, ended last night. Witnesses were examined, but the jury asked that the case be submitted without argument. The jury then retired and returned after a day's deliberation with a verdict of not guilty.

The charge against Mills was that he had moved to Washington in the summer of 1908, and therefore was not a legal resident or voter in Fredericksburg.

Thomas L. Kube has sold his farm in Spotsylvania county, near this city, containing 150 acres, to Herman Albright, for \$6,000. Mr. Albright will take possession of the property March 1st.

The first hearing for 1909 was brought to this city today from Lees Newton's shore on the Potomac River, in Stafford county.

**A Costly Porker.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HARRISONBURG, VA., January 29.—David Bailey, a son of William Bailey, a highly respected farmer of this county, pleaded guilty to holding a hog from a hog from his father, and was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary. His brother-in-law, A. B. Huddle, who was joining in the case for the crime, denies his guilt, and his case is now being tried.

**Farmers' Institute.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ONLEY, VA., January 29.—At a Farmers' Institute held here yesterday Cope's Hall was entirely filled with an appreciative audience consisting of farmers interested in potato culture. A. Burton, general manager of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, presided. Professor L. C. Corbett, horticulturist of the United States

## SEVERE ITCHING HUMOR ON HANDS

Tiny Pustules Spread Up to Elbows—Could Not Sleep and Scratched Until She Bled—After Seven Months of Futile Treatment, Little Girl was Completely

CURED IN TWO WEEKS BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"My daughter, twelve years of age, was afflicted with a terrible itching of the hands which was so bad at night that she was unable to sleep. She scratched herself until she bled. The trouble began in the shape of small pustules about the size of a pinhead which produced severe itching and then a hard scab formed on top. These always opened up again, bleeding freely. The fingers it extended over the hand and as far as the elbows. The doctor said it was eczema and that recovery would necessarily be slow. He treated my daughter for seven months, but the trouble always grew worse. Then I started in to use the Cuticura Remedies. After I had used Cuticura Soap for two weeks, with Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, her hands were healed. Mrs. M. Strecker, South Haven, Minn., April 1 and July 7, 1908."

## WORLD FAMOUS

For Torturing, Disfiguring Skin and Scalp Humors

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of scalp, as in dandruff; the facial disfigurement, as in acne and ringworm, find instant relief and speedy cure, in the majority of cases, in warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, assisted when necessary by mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent (liquid or pills). Guaranteed absolutely pure and may be used from the hour of birth.

Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., spoke on successful growing and marketing of vegetables. W. W. Gilbert, of the Bureau of Plants Industry, United States Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C., spoke on diseases of potatoes. Professor L. C. Johnson, experimental station, Norfolk, Va., spoke on spraying as a preventive and remedy for destruction of noxious insects and fungi. S. B. Helges, of Va., spoke on scientific corn breeding.

## INTERVIEW MR. APPERSON.

**Lynchburg Citizens Ask Him to Move Plant to That City.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., January 29.—The committee named a day or two ago by the Retail Merchants' Association to confer with Mr. R. D. Apperson relative to the removal of the Pope automobile works from Toledo, O., to this city, called upon Mr. Apperson this morning and assured him of the association's eagerness to do everything possible to assist in bringing the plant here.

Mr. Apperson received the committee with courtesy, and advised the members that he was unable to make a statement at that time of what would be expected in order to secure the removal of the plant here.

Mr. Apperson stated that he has as yet just had sufficient time to ascertain just what will be necessary in the premises, and until he knows more of the cost of bringing the big works here, it will be impossible for him to make a detailed statement.

The committee visiting Mr. Apperson consisted of Messrs. C. M. Gage, Heimer, C. E. Vaughan, C. S. Adams, W. R. Cunningham, F. L. Knight and D. Brown Ryland.

## APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

**Governor Ritchie Names Members of His Personal Staff.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., January 29.—Governor Ritchie announces the following appointments to his personal staff: The National Guard of the State, Colonel Thomas Stringfield, of Waynesville, appointed, with rank of colonel; John C. Kingston, with rank of colonel; Aides on personal staff: Alex. J. Field, of Raleigh, private secretary; Johnson, of Raleigh; Finley L. Williams, of Burlington; C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia; S. W. Cooper, of Fayetteville; H. Montague, of Winston; A. L. Grady, of Clinton; and D. L. Ward, of Newbern, all with rank of colonel. No more military appointments will be announced until March 1st.

## POSED AS MINISTER.

**Alleged Clergyman Passed Bogus Paper on Bank Cash.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, VA., January 29.—Posing as a minister of the gospel and claiming Lynchburg, Va., as his home, a stranger yesterday passed a worthless check for \$27 on E. C. Cary, cashier of the Shenandoah County Bank, Woodstock. A description of Sewell tallies exactly with the man who recently "worked" the post-office at Siler, this county, claiming he was a post-office inspector. Sewell fled, but the government inspectors are on his trail.

## Will Erect Modern Plant.

**Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
DURHAM, N. C., January 29.—The announcement is made that the Surry Lumber Company, of Baltimore, has bought a tract of land, about twenty-seven acres, from the Tidewater Land Company, with a frontage on the Elizabeth River of 700 feet, and running back to the Belt Line Railroad, for the erection of a modern plant, which will be equipped and operated at once. The factory will be fully equipped for the handling of rough lumber, turning it out into finished products for the use of builders, cabinet-makers, etc. The location of the plant is said to be ideal for the business, next to the plant of the Greenleaf-Johnson Lumber Company.

## Found Dead Near Jug.

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DURHAM, N. C., January 29.—Henry Merritt, a negro, was found dead in the lower part of this county. Near his home was a jug nearly empty. The brand was of the blockade corn, the kind sold in this prohibition territory.

## News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 107 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., January 29.

There is to be an interesting contest for the office of City Treasurer in Petersburg, with three candidates in the field. The incumbent, Mr. William E. Ramsey, and a popular incumbent, Mr. Charles A. Slaughter, announced their candidacy for the office several days ago, and at once began an active canvass. To-day interest is added to the situation by the announcement that Mr. E. G. Hinton, a popular and well-known young citizen, is a candidate for the office, and he has not been backward in seeing his friends and the public. The canvass for the sergeant-at-law is in progress for some time, with two candidates contending. Mr. John B. Evans, the incumbent of the office, and Mr. E. M. Barksdale, who is opposing him. Not much is heard about the office of High Constable, for which there is a popular incumbent, Mr. John A. Mallory.

The primary to decide as to the nominations for all the municipal offices will be held in the spring, and the regular election will take place in November.

## Proposed Road Improvement in Dinwiddie.

In accordance with an order of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie, the polls will be opened in the several districts of that county on the 30 day of February, to order the sense of the qualified voters of the county on the question whether or not the board of supervisors shall issue bonds for the macadamizing or the permanent improvement of the public roads in that county. Thirty miles of main roads have been improved in Namozine District, with the maximum amount of \$30,000 of bonds for that district; twenty-two and a half miles of roads in Rowanty District, with a maximum issue of \$25,000.

## TARS WILL HAVE SHORE LIBERTY

**Tidewater Cities Will Have Meeting to Decide on Their Entertainment.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., January 29.—At a joint session of committees representing the various business bodies of the Tidewater section, held in the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon, Chairman Alvah H. Martin, of the joint battle-ship fleet reception committee, reported that Secretary of the Navy Newberry had informed him that the officers and men would be at liberty on and after February 27th to accept any invitation extended, and steps were taken to plan a grand welcome to the returning tars of Uncle Sam's big fleet.

It is composed of H. M. Dickson, chairman; M. T. Cooke, J. W. Brown, Jr., Alfred Shirler, S. B. Carney, W. S. Copeland, of Newport News, and Geo. F. Adams, of Old Point.

## Bank President Resigns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HARRISONBURG, VA., January 29.—It has been made public that J. Wilton, who, for the past several years, has been the president of the First National Bank, of Harrisonburg, has resigned both as president and director. It is said that his action was taken after his salary and duties had been curtailed. No successor has been elected, but it is expected that L. C. Myers, the present cashier, will be chosen.

## CAUGHT IN MACHINERY.

**Tennant of Thomas Nelson Page Is Hurt.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
OFFLEY, VA., January 29.—Mr. Edmund Martin was painfully injured yesterday at a butcher's mill. Mr. Martin was walking on his way to his ground, and while walking around in the mill his overcoat was caught in some machinery. In a second he was stripped of every piece of his clothing, his arm was broken, his head badly cut and he was bruised about the body. The mill is owned by Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, and Mr. Martin is one of Dr. Page's tenants. Mr. Martin is about thirty years old, and one of the most highly esteemed farmers in this community.

## Robbery by Wholesale.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 29.**—John Johnson, who claims to be of New York as his home, was arrested this evening on a charge of committing three robberies in Fairfax county within the past forty-eight hours. Johnson had rented a stable, where he is alleged to have been hiding the stolen goods. He also had a horse and wagon, which he used in carrying out his work. Two wagonloads of goods, including 2,000 pounds of meat, corn, saddles, harness and other things, were recovered. Johnson says he has an accomplice.

## Called to Norfolk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., January 29.—At a congregational meeting held last night at the Park Place Presbyterian Church called Rev. Dr. Squires, of Bristol, Tenn., to the vacant pastorate. It is believed that he will accept the call and take charge of the field early in the spring, possibly on March 1st. He comes with an excellent record for Christian Work in Bristol, building two churches and greatly increasing the membership.

## Fall from Scaffold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WAKEFIELD, VA., January 29.—J. R. Holland, of the firm of Edgemoor & Holland, contractors for the Christian Church building, in course of erection here, fell from a scaffolding this afternoon and received injuries, the extent of which cannot be determined at this time. S. E. Holland, an employee, fell from the same scaffolding and escaped with minor injuries. Both are from Holland, Va.

## Knives Gift of Chimes.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., January 29.—Mr. James R. Gilliam, one of the best known financiers of the city, has just notified the board of stewards of the Court Street Methodist Church, that he had given in order for chimes for that church. The chimes will consist of ten bells, and they will be ready for use Easter Sunday morning.

## The Health-profit in POSTUM

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twenty-three miles of roads in Sabony District, with a maximum issue of \$23,000 in bonds, and twenty-seven miles of roads in Darvill's District, with a maximum issue of \$27,000 in bonds.

The total amount of bond issue is \$100,000, with a maximum issue of \$23,000 in bonds, and twenty-seven miles of roads in Darvill's District, with a maximum issue of \$27,000 in bonds. The bond issue for each district is chargeable upon the taxable values of that district, and the proceeds of said bonds to be expended only in that district. On the basis of 5 per cent. interest on the bonds, and 2 per cent. for a sinking fund, it would be necessary to raise by annual district tax the following sums: Namozine, \$2,100; Rowanty, \$1,575; Darvill's, \$1,575; Sabony, \$1,610. The present tax in each of these districts is small.

## Personal and Otherwise.

It is expected that Petersburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, at their next meeting will unite with their sisters of Richmond Chapter in adopting resolutions of censure of the distinguished college presidents for awarding the \$100 prize essay on General Lee to Miss Boyesen, of Minnesota.

The Rev. Charles B. Richards, general secretary of the Associated Charities in Petersburg, makes a urgent appeal to the charitable public for contributions to meet the needs of the worthy poor of the city. There is much suffering, he says, and many worthy applicants have to be turned away.

The impression is gaining ground that the movement for an early local option election in this city is being held in abeyance until after the Anti-Saloon League State convention in Norfolk.

The people of Petersburg have been pretty generally vaccinated, and there are many sore arms about the city. No child is allowed in the public schools unless proof is shown of successful vaccination.

## Cannon Denies That League Will Enter Politics to Secure Prohibition.

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NORFOLK, VA., January 29.—In a letter received today in Norfolk from Rev. Dr. James Cannon, Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League, he denies that there is any truth in the report that the league has or is contemplating an alliance with any political faction in Virginia, in order to bring about a State-wide prohibition issue in the forthcoming State election.

Dr. Cannon declares that the stories being circulated, and particularly those emanating from Washington, are from the fertile imagination of newspaper men, who desire to turn in sensational articles or the unfounded reports of politicians and enemies of the prohibition cause, who are anxious to curtail the influence of the league in this State.

It is also further announced that it will be several days as yet before the official program of the convention in Norfolk is published, and that it will carry the State-wide publicity within the next week.

The leaders of the league express satisfaction with the progress being made in Virginia, and are confident that within a year or two, without political affiliations, they will be able to carry the State "dry" at an election for this purpose alone.

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Owing to the extreme unseasonable weather we are very much behind on the sale of Overcoats. It is against our long-established custom to carry over stock from season to season—but we cannot battle against weather conditions. Think of it—BURK-MADE OVERCOATS AT 50 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. This is not a mark-up-mark-down sale. Every price is the original early season price. If not in present need of an Overcoat, it will pay to invest for next season. Terms of sale: Strictly cash.

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CHOICE OF ALL \$12.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$6.25
CHOICE OF ALL \$15.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$7.50
CHOICE OF ALL \$18.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$9.00
CHOICE OF ALL \$20.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$10.00
CHOICE OF ALL \$22.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$11.25
CHOICE OF ALL \$25.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$12.50
CHOICE OF ALL \$27.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$13.75
CHOICE OF ALL \$30.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$15.00
CHOICE OF ALL \$32.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$16.25
CHOICE OF ALL \$35.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$17.50

## Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Raincoats

CHOICE OF ALL \$3.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$1.75
CHOICE OF ALL \$4.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$2.00
CHOICE OF ALL \$5.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$2.50
CHOICE OF ALL \$6.00 OVERCOATS.....	\$3.00
CHOICE OF ALL \$7.50 OVERCOATS.....	\$3.75
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## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

**MRS. W. R. ROBINS** entertained a few friends at bridge on Thursday afternoon at her apartment on South Third Street. Among her guests were Mrs. Bryan, of Baltimore; Miss Beulah Patterson, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Taylor Scott, Mrs. Charles R. Robins, Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. S. W. Travers.

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## Mrs. Scarborough Entertains.

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